

## OREGON

CRYPTANTHA MICRANTHA (Torr.) I. M. Johnston (Boraginaceae).—Harney Co., Pueblo Valley, 2.6 road mi n. of the state line on highway from Denio to Field and Burns, then 1.6 road mi ne. along a fence line road, T41S R35E S10, 1274 m, 22 May 1987, *Tiehm 11059* (CAS, NY, ORE, OSC, RSA). Growing with *Sarcobatus* in areas of sand on the valley floor.

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ERIOGONUM BRACHYANTHUM Coville (Polygonaceae).—Harney Co., Pueblo Valley, 0.7 road mi n. of the state line at Denio then 1.8 road mi e. on a rural road, T41S R35E S22, 1274 m, 4 Aug 1987, *Tiehm 11499* (CAS, MARY, NY, ORE, OSC, RSA). Growing with *Sarcobatus* on sand dunes on the valley floor.

*Significance.* First record for Oregon. Previously known from s. CA n. through w. NV to Humboldt Co.—ARNOLD TIEHM, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx 10458; and GARY SCHOOLCRAFT, BLM, 2545 Riverside, Susanville, CA 96130. (Received 27 Oct 1987; accepted 7 Dec 1987.)

## REVIEWS

*The Plant-Book: A Portable Dictionary of the Higher Plants.* By D. J. MABBERLEY [further subtitle—*Utilising Cronquist's An Integrated System of Classification of Flowering Plants (1981) and Current Botanical Literature, Arranged Largely on the Principles of Editions 1–6 (1896/97–1931) of Willis's A Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns*], Cambridge University Press, Trumpington St., Cambridge CB2 1RP, England, 1987, xii, 706 pp., ISBN 0-521-34060-8 (hardbound). \$34.50.

Although Maberley's work is not specifically on Western North American botany, it seems worthy of notice in *Madroño* because it lists almost all the taxa of the region. The book is essentially the real seventh edition of J. C. Willis's *A Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns* (6 eds. 1897–1931). As is well known, when H. K. Airy Shaw revised Willis's *Dictionary* in 1966 and 1973 (as the 7th and 8th eds. of Willis), to save space he dispensed with much of the general information, for example, common names, definitions of botanical terms, and most of the accounts of economic products and ornamental plants, and in effect turned the work into a nomenclatural dictionary that has, of course, proven to be indispensable. In 1974 F. N. Howes's *A Dictionary of Useful and Everyday Plants and Their Common Names* appeared. This was based on the information expurgated from the 6th, 1931 edition of Willis. Maberley thoroughly updated this Willis in a comparable-size work that "attempts to present all currently accepted generic and family names and commonly used English names" of extant vascular plants. Economically important plants get very good treatment, for instance, 55 lines for *Eucalyptus*. Most of the families get attention, although there are likely to be omissions for some monotypic or trivial families. Many references are included. Unfortunately, it was not feasible to include a glossary of technical terms, as did Willis (1931). Back matter includes a synopsis of Cronquist's classification system for angiosperms, a bibliography, and lists of abbreviations, including an excellent 46-page list of names of authors. Overall, this is an incredibly valuable effort and should prove to be one of the most useful books published in recent years.—RUDOLF SCHMID, Department of Botany, University of California, Berkeley 94720.